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SUBJECT: US NAVAL VISIT TO SOMALIA

1. AMBASSADOR ADDOU TOLD ME JUNE 5 THAT HE MET WITH PRESIDENT SIAD, SECSTATE FOR DEFENSE GENERAL SAMANTAR AND SNA VICECOMMANDANT FADIL REGARDING US NAVAL VISIT TO SOMALIA. ACCORDING ADDOU, SIEZ HIMSELF IS ANXIOUS FOR VISIT AND AGREEMENT GIVEN FOR US NAVAL VISIT TO MOGADISCIO EITHER IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. EMBASSY WILL SOON BE INFORMED AS TO WHICH MONTH IS MOST CONVENIENT.

2. ADDOU ALSO REPORTED THAT PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR VISITING US SHIP AND CREW NOW BEING DRAWN UP. WILL INCLUDE ATHLETIC COMPETITION (BASKETBALL), OFFICIAL DINNERS, ETC.

3. I TOLD ADDOU THAT SIMILAR PROMISES HAD BEEN MADE IN PAST BUT HAD COME TO NOTHING. WHY WAS HE SO SURE THAT AN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER VISIT WAS ANY MORE DEFINITE THAN THOSE EARLIER PROMISES? ADDOU EMNHAZIZED THAT HE HAD TALKED TO SIAD, SMANTAR AND FADIL -- NOT THE GROUNDINGS IN THE MOFA -- AND THAT THE VISIT WAS DEFINITELY PLANNED FOR EITHER AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. HE HOPED MOREOVER THAT ONCE THE MOGADISCIO PORT CALL HAD TAKEN PLACE, SIMILAR VISITS -- TO BERBERA, CHISIMAYU -- COULD BE ARRANGED AUTHOMATICALLY ON A SEMI-ANNUAL OR QUARTERLY BASIS.

4. COMMENT: I AM SKECTICAL THAT SIAD AND SAMANTAR COULD BE SO DEFINITE ABOUT US SHIP VISIT WITHOUT BEING EQUALLY SPECIFIC ABOUT DATE.

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